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Regulatory Division North Permits Section SAJ-2006-4627(MOD-AWP) MODIFICATION 1

JAN 2 0 2009

Florida Department of Transportation, District 3 Attn: Joy Giddens P.O. Box 607 Chipley, Florida 32428

Dear Mrs. Giddens:

This letter is in reference to your request for a modification of Department of the Army permit SAJ-2006-4627(IP-AWP) issued to FDOT, District 3 for the widening of 1.05-miles of State Road (SR) 79 in the Town of Vernon, Washington County.

By copy of this letter the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is granting your request for a modification to the existing design which will include an additional 0.23 acre of impacts to waters of the United States. Specifically, the modification will allow the addition of 0.19 acre of impacts to wetland 4A, associated with an existing residential man-made pond, and 0.04 acres of rip-rap to be placed at the northeast bridge abutment

The impact of your proposal on navigation and the environment have been reviewed and found to be insignificant. The permit is hereby modified in accordance with your request. You should attach this letter to the permit. All other conditions of the permit remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions concerning permit modification, please contact the project manager Andrew Phillips at the letterhead address, by telephone at 321-504-3771 extension 14 or by electronic mail at andrew.w.phillips@usace.army.mil.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. The Corps Jacksonville District Regulatory Division is committed to improving service to our customers. We strive to perform our

duty in a friendly and timely manner while working to preserve our environment. We invite you to take a few minutes to visit the following link and complete our automated Customer Service Survey: http://regulatory.usacesurvey.com/. Your input is appreciated - favorable or otherwise.

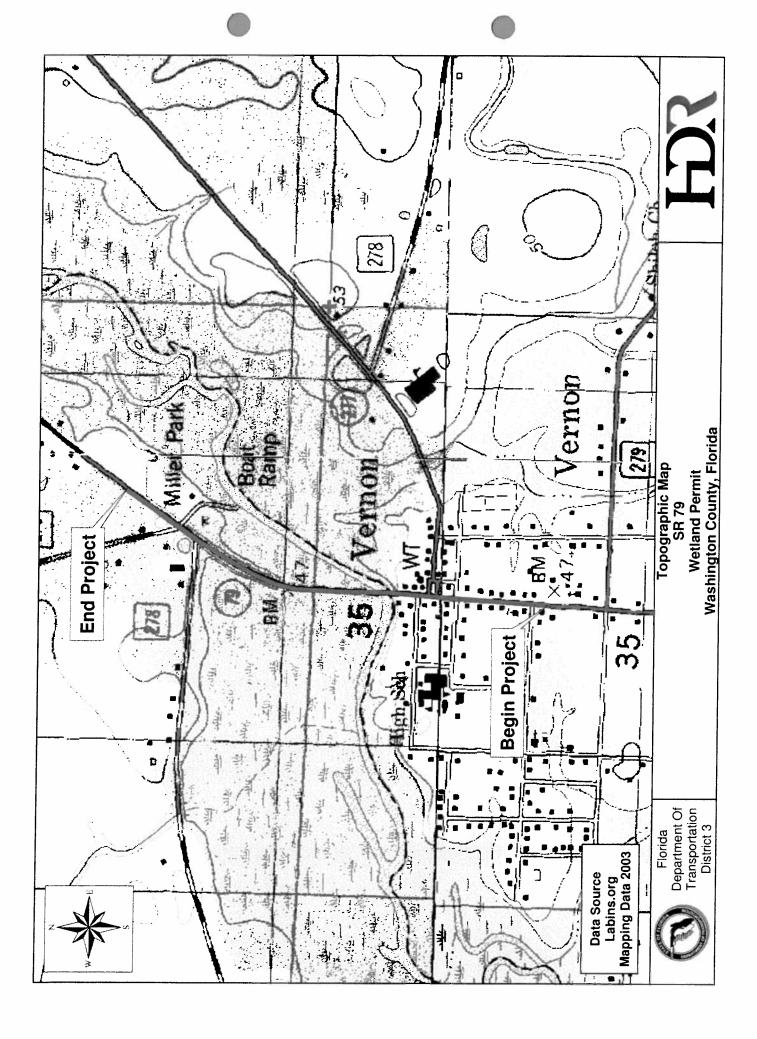
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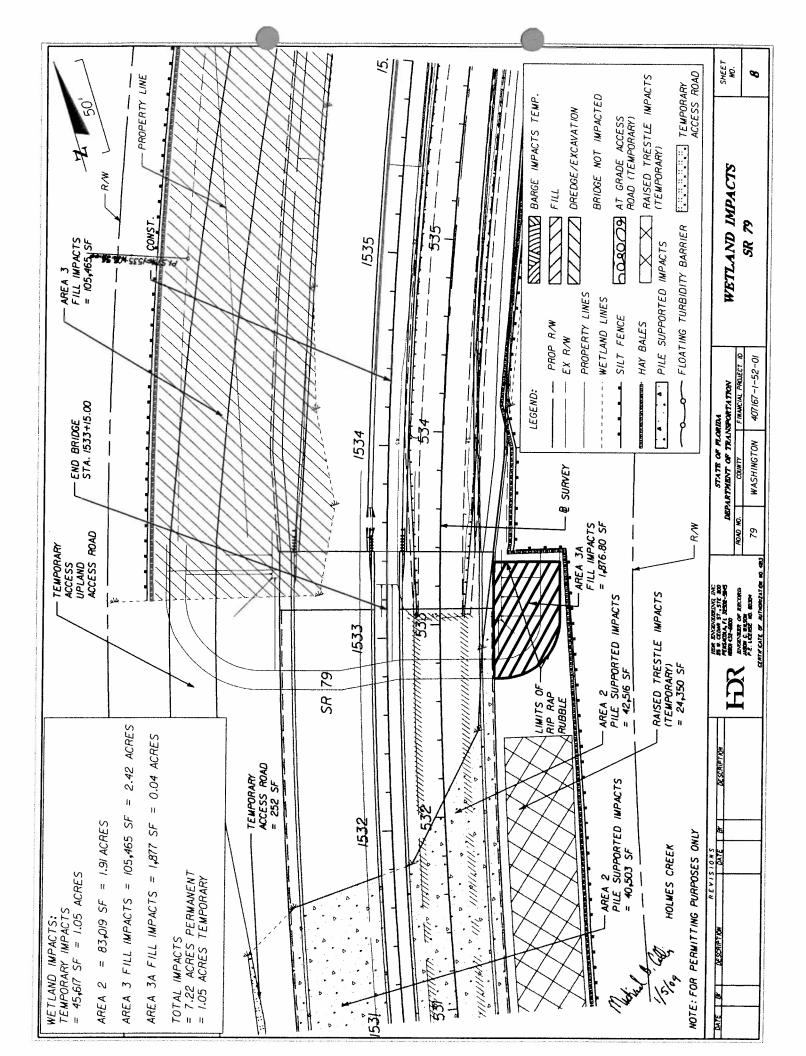
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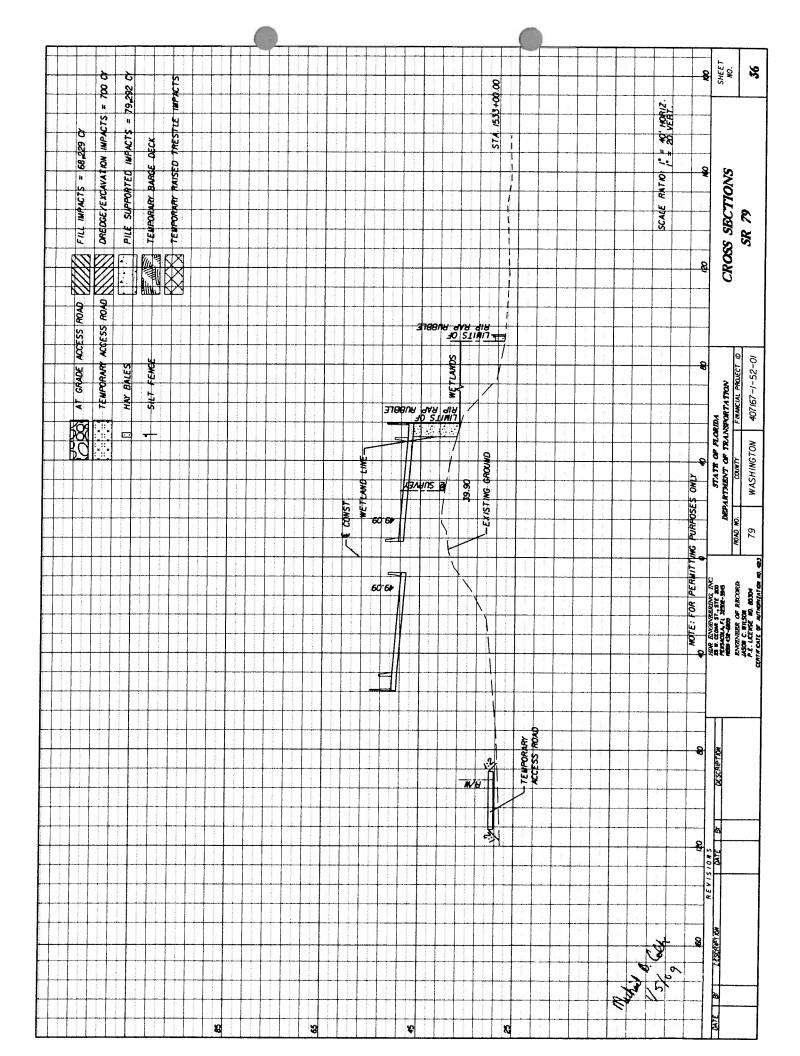
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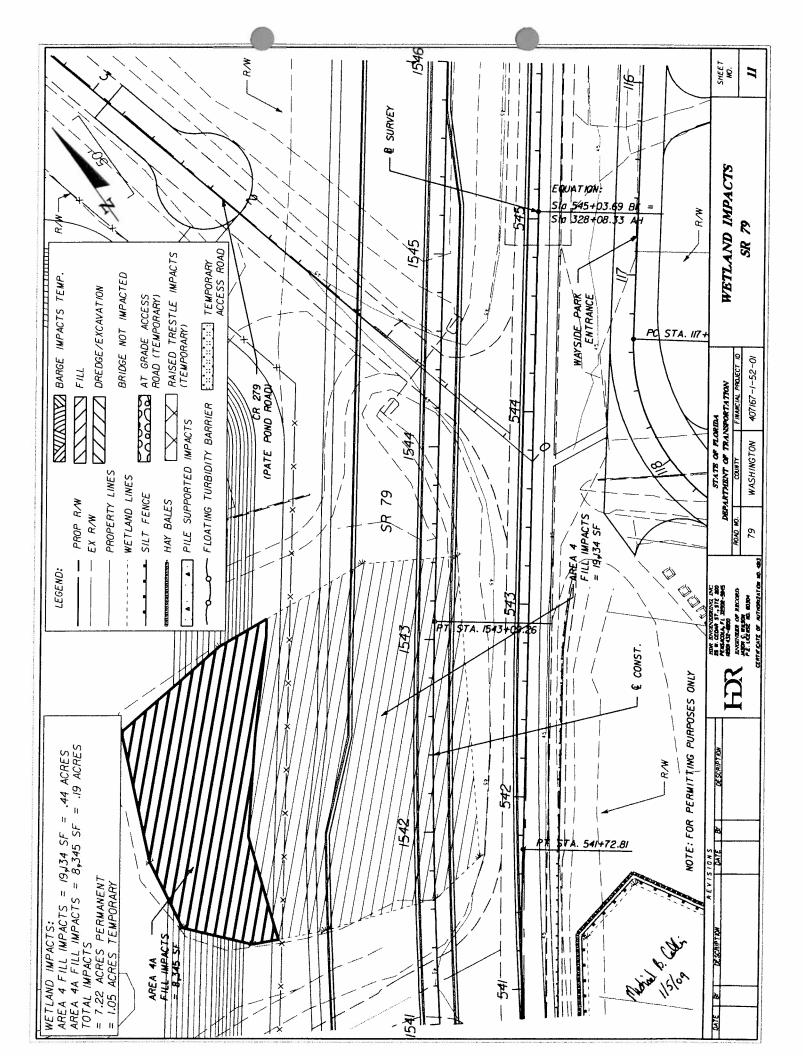
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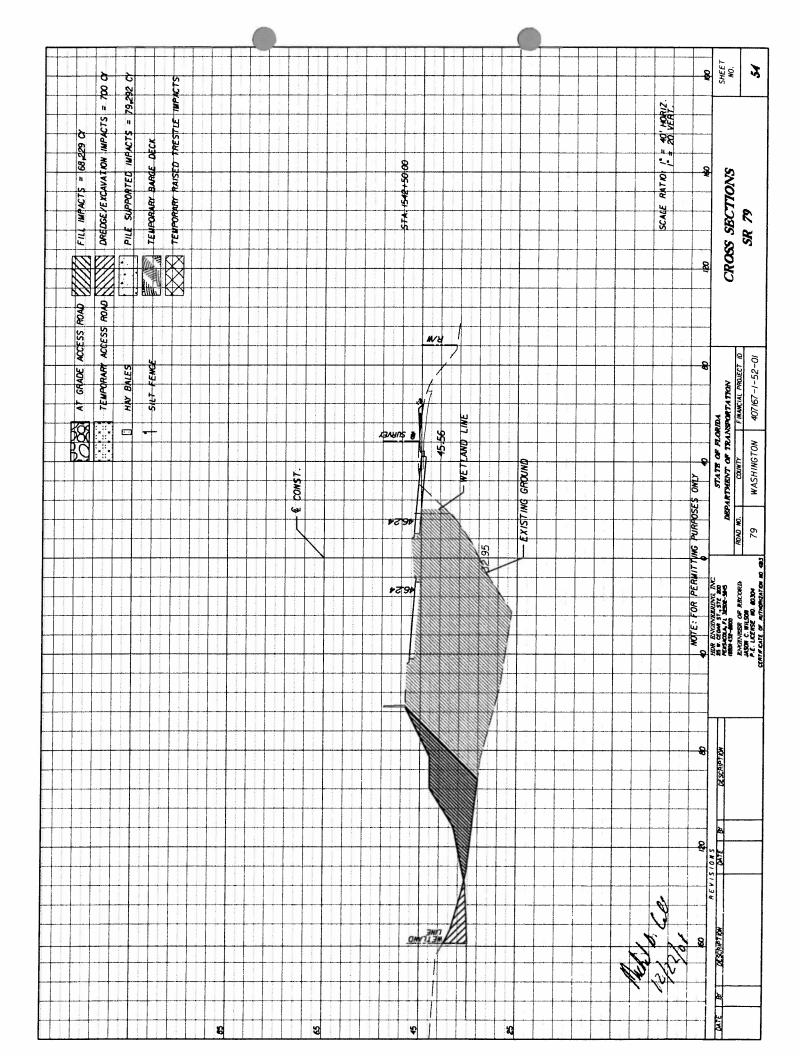
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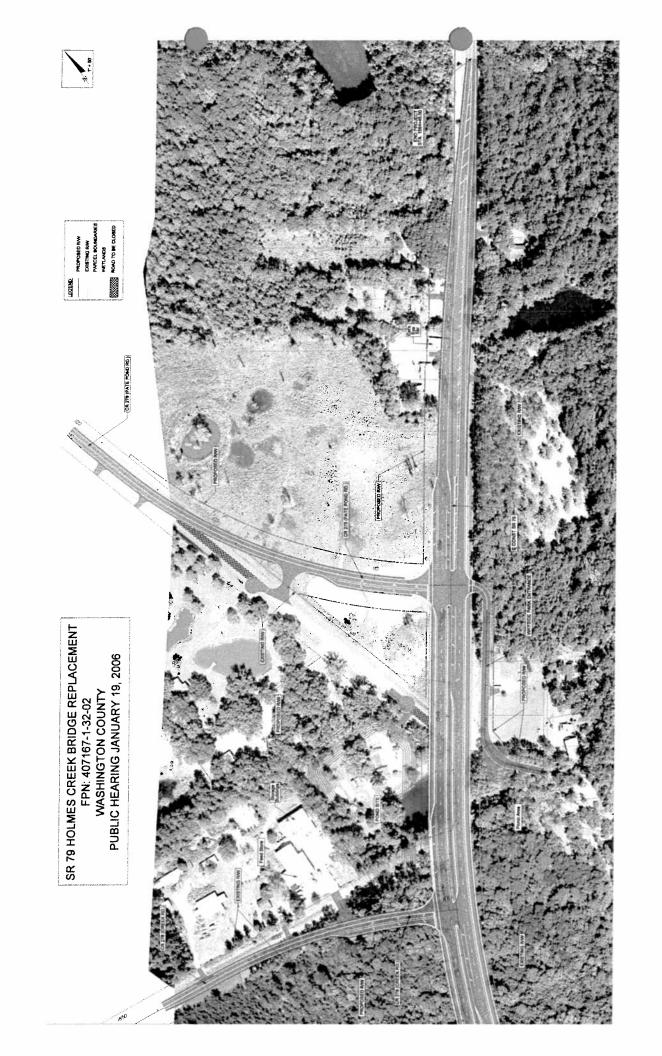












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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Supplement to the Department of the Army Environmental Assessment and Statement of Findings for the Above-Numbered Permit Application.

1. Applicant: Florida Department of Transportation, District 3
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Chipley, Florida 32428

- 2. Reason for supplement: Plan updates and design changes call for 0.19 acres of additional impacts to wetland 4A, associated with an existing residential man-made pond, and 0.04 acres of rip-rap to be placed at the northeast bridge abutment. Modifications, total 0.23 acres of additional impacts to waters of the United States.
- 3. Original Authorized Project: A Department of the Army permit dated 12 March 2008 authorized the placement of clean fill material into 8.04 acres of waters of the United States (wetlands) for the widening from two to four-lane and intersection improvements along a 1.05-mile length of State Road (SR) 79 in the Town of Vernon, Washington County.
- 4. Endangered Species: The proposed modification is located outside of open water areas of the Holms Creek, which may include the fuzzy pigtoe (Pleurobema strodeanum) and tapered pigtoe (Quincuncina burkei). The Corps of Engineers has determined that the proposed modification will have no impacts to federally listed species.
- **5. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH):** The Corps of Engineers determined that the proposed modification will have no impacts to EFH.
- **6. Mitigation:** Wetland impacts for this project will be mitigated through the Northwest Florida Umbrella, Watershed-Based, Regional Mitigation Plan (PLAN), as defined in the agreement between the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NWFWMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, July 31, 2006. The PLAN includes a combination of land acquisition, preservation, and restoration at the Plum Creek site identified in section 5.3.7 Holms Creek

CESAJ-RD-NC SAJ-2006-4627 (IP-AWP)

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Acquisition, February 20, 2008 update. To mitigate for impacts to waters of the United States (wetlands and surface waters) caused this project, the NWFWMD will deduct 7.24 credits from the Plum Creek ledger. Section 8.1 of the PLAN, Mitigation Credit Ledger, will be adjusted accordingly to reflect the credits used above.

- 7. Special Conditions: The applicant previously provided compensatory mitigation to offset secondary impacts where these impacts are proposed; therefore no additional mitigation is required to off-set the proposed impacts.
- **8. Determination:** I have reviewed all the pertinent information and have concluded that the determinations of the permit evaluation are still valid and there have been no significant changes in the circumstances surrounding this permit since the final determination was made. Therefore, the conclusion that the permit is not contrary to the public interest, that it complies with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required is still valid.

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